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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish  
3 to congratulate McHenry County Clerk Katherine Schultz on the  
4 occasion of her retirement after 55 years of dedicated service  
5 to the McHenry County Clerk's Office; and

6           WHEREAS, Katherine Schultz went to work at the McHenry  
7 County Clerk's Office on October 16, 1959, shortly after  
8 graduating from Woodstock High School; her first job was as a  
9 Deputy Clerk under former County Clerk Vernon Kays; and

10           WHEREAS, In those early years, Katherine Schultz worked on  
11 automating voter registration records by using metal plates  
12 with an addressograph machine; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1965, Katherine Schultz was put in charge of  
14 voter registration; in 1969, she became involved with the  
15 transition to a punch card system for voting; and

16           WHEREAS, Katherine Schultz began the tedious duty of  
17 performing tax extensions by hand in 1972, which was before the  
18 era of personal computers; in 1973, she became the Chief Tax  
19 Extender; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1978, Katherine Schultz began serving as Chief

1 Deputy Clerk for County Clerk Rosemary Azzaro; and

2 WHEREAS, On December 1, 1990, Katherine Schultz was elected  
3 to serve as County Clerk of McHenry County; since her election  
4 in 1990, she has served a total of 6 full terms; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to Katherine Schultz's leadership, McHenry  
6 County became the first large county to implement optical scan  
7 voting technology in 1999-2000; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2001, Katherine Schultz was recognized by the  
9 Illinois House of Representatives through a resolution for her  
10 research and implementation of the optical scanning voting  
11 machines; and

12 WHEREAS, At the October 20, 2009 McHenry County Board  
13 meeting, Katherine Schultz was honored with a special  
14 proclamation in appreciation of her 50 years of service to  
15 McHenry County; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 20, 2009 an oak tree was planted and  
17 the road leading into the lot at the McHenry County  
18 Administration Building was named the "Honorary Katherine C.  
19 Schultz Way" in honor of Katherine Schultz's 50 years of  
20 service; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2011, the Illinois Association of County Clerks  
2 and Recorders named Katherine Schultz "County Clerk of the  
3 Year" for being the best in her profession in the State and in  
4 honor of her vast knowledge, experience, and helpfulness to  
5 other county clerks; and

6           WHEREAS, The 2013 McHenry County Annual Financial Report  
7 was dedicated to Katherine Schultz in recognition of her  
8 outstanding service to the citizens of McHenry County and her  
9 many contributions to the County Clerk's Office; and

10           WHEREAS, During her time in the Clerk's Office, Katherine  
11 Schultz has been involved with voting in 13 presidential  
12 elections; the county's population has grown tremendously  
13 during her time in the Clerk's Office, from 47,137 voters in 58  
14 precincts in 1960 to 204,440 voters in 212 precincts today; and

15           WHEREAS, A reception will be held for Katherine Schultz on  
16 December 3, 2014 in honor of her retirement and her many years  
17 of dedicated service; and

18           WHEREAS, After 55 years in the McHenry County Clerk's  
19 Office and 24 years as McHenry County Clerk, Katherine Schultz  
20 has been responsible for many acts that have improved the  
21 transparency, efficiency, and integrity of McHenry County  
22 elections; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we thank McHenry County Clerk Katherine Schultz for her many  
4 years of service to the people of McHenry County, congratulate  
5 her on the occasion of her retirement, and wish her all the  
6 best in her future endeavors; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Katherine Schultz as an expression of our  
9 congratulations and appreciation for a job well done.